Investment by Israeli company on 100 per cent basis

2069. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sought permission for foreign investment on 100 per cent basis with an Israeli company named M/s. B.H.C. Company, Israel;

(b) the stage of processing of this application at present;

(c) when will this application be cleared; and

(d) the reasons for delay in granting clearance?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The approval has already been granted to the company.

Delicesing of industries from the purview of the Industres (Development and Regulation) Act

2070. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to delicence certain Industries from the purview of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act and also given sweeping powers to the "Navratna" public sector enterprises;

(b) if so, the details of these proposals; and

(c) the criteria followed while selecting the "Navratna" enterprises and the significance of "Navratna" enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have delicensed, vide Press Note No. 11 (1997 Series) dated 17th July, 1997, five industriies, namely, (i) Animal fats and Oils; (ii) Tanned or dressed fur skins, chamois leather; (iii) Asbestos and asbestos-based products; (iv) Plywood, veneers of all types and other wood based products such as particle board, medium density fibre board/block board; and (v) Paper and newsprint except bagasse based units.

Navratna enterprises have been granted enhanced financial and managerial autonomy and operational freedom to enable them to become global giants.

(c) The criteria for selecting the enterprises included factors like size, performance, future prospects, potential to become global giants, etc. The benefits accruing to these nine enterprises include substantially enhanced financial powers and greater operational freedom.

Slow down in the production of Passenger cars

2071. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that automobile productions especially the passenger cars have came down;

(b) if so, to what extent, details of last three years; and

(c) the reasons for reductions in productions?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश के औद्योगीकरण हेतु सरकार के प्रयास

2072. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्र सरकार राज्य के विशषकर उद्योग रहित जिलों और ब्लाकों के औद्योगीकरण हेतु उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा किये जा रहे प्रयासों का किस प्रकार समर्थन और उनकी सम्पूर्ति कर रही हैं, तत्संबंध. ब्यौरा क्या है ;